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Municipal Officers.

Selectmen,

S. T. JACKSON, A. N. LINS COTT, W. B. TIBBETTS.

Clerk,

J. H. BOND.

Treasurer,

G. B. ERSKINE.

School Committee.

H. G. ELLIS, *Supervisor*.

A. P. HODGKINS,

G. B. ERSKINE.

W. G. TURNER,

F. W. BOWDEN.

Auditor,

J. K. ERSKINE.

Collector,

M. I. JOHNSON.

Copy of Warrant.

To M. I. Johnson, one of the Constables of the Town of Jefferson, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine,

GREETING :—

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the 9th day of March 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit,—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
4. To choose a Town Treasurer.
5. To choose a School Committe.
6. To choose a Town Auditor.
7. To choose a Town Agent.
8. To choose Fence Viewers.
9. To choose Surveyors of Lumber.
- 10 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair Roads and Bridges.
11. To see if the Town will vote to repair Roads with money the present year, and how much they will raise for that purpose, and and what method they will adopt to expend the same.
12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise to repair Roads to be paid in labor.
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new Road Machine.
14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for support of Poor.
15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray Town charges and Incidental expenses.

16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for free High School.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Common Schools.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay outstanding orders.

19. To see if the Town will vote to give Wm. C. Hall Post \$25.

20. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 6 per cent on all taxes paid the collector on or before Oct. 20th, next.

21. To see if the Town will vote to fix the time when lists of taxes shall be committed, and when the taxes shall be payable, also what rate of interest shall be collected after time of payment.

22. To see if the Town will vote to require the Collector to settle with the Treasurer and pay him in full the amount of taxes remaining due the Town in one year from date of commitment.

23. To see what percentage the Town will allow for collecting non-resident taxes.

24. To choose Collector of taxes.

25. To choose Constable or Constables.

26. To choose Road Commissioners.

27. To choose Truant Officers.

28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for School Books.

29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair School Houses.

30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for discount on taxes.

31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Guide Boards.

32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Town Officers' Bills.

33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay Town Debts.

34. To see if the Town will vote to unite the Corner and Bond school districts and move the Corner school house to a point to accommodate the scholars of both districts and see what sum of money they will vote to raise for that purpose.

35. To see if the Town will vote to build a new School House in the Bond district and to see what sum of money they will raise for that purpose.

36. To see what disposition the Town will make of the non-resident lands held by them.

37. To see if the Town will vote to allow J. R. Hall to expend his highway tax upon his private way.

38. To see if the Town will vote to give Geo. Trask \$8 00 to keep his private way in repair.

39. To choose all other necessary officers and transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for revising and correcting list of voters at the town house at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of the meeting.

Given under our hands this the second day of March 1896.

S. T. JACKSON,	}	SELECTMEN
A. N. LINSOTT,		OF
W. B. TIBBETTS.		JEFFERSON.

Auditor's Report.

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident,	\$290,951 00	
Real estate, non-resident.	34,412 00	
Personal estate, resident.	91,818 00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	5,172 00	
	<hr/>	\$422,353 00
Real estate exempt.	\$4,191 00	
Personal estate exempt,	203 00	
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Net valuation,		\$417,959 00
Rate of money tax 17 mills.		
No. of polls 312.		
Rate of poll tax \$1 00.		
Total amount of assessments,		\$7,417 30
Deduct 312 polls at \$1 00,		312 00
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Amount assessed on net valuation at 17 mills,		\$7,105 30

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$1,212 78
County tax,	604 49

APPROPRIATIONS.

Roads and Bridges,	\$500 00
Support of Poor,	800 00
Town Charges,	700 00

TOWN OF JEFFERSON.

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Dr. Johnson, reporting births and deaths,	1 00
F. W. Bowden, collecting non-resident taxes,	13 46
C. W. Kennedy, stationery and printing,	1 50
Benj. Ladd, Insurance on Town House,	12 00
A. A. Skinner, Justice fees,	30
G. F. Weeks, wood for Town House,	3 75
R. S. Partridge, for legal advice,	2 00
S. A. Richardson, care of Hearse and attending funerals,	55 20
G. B. Erskine, postage and stationary,	1 23
Drs. Smith and Sukeforth, reporting births and deaths,	4 50
Dr. Card, reporting births and deaths,	75
S. T. Jackson, time and expenses out of town,	9 00
W. B. Tibbetts, " " " " " "	12 50

 \$169 30

Appropriation,	\$700 00
Overlay,	15 23

 \$715 23

Amount of Miscellaneous Bills,	\$169 30
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Abatements for which there was no appropriation :

To M. I. Johnson, sundry taxes for 1895,	46 65
To F. W. Bowden, " " 1894,	15 97

 \$256 92

Unexpended balance,	\$423 31
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DISCOUNT.

To M. I. Johnson, for taxes paid before Oct. 20th 1895,	\$289 13
Appropriation,	200 00

Excess,	\$89 13
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PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Bills of last quarter of last year ;—

L. J. and A. M. Cooper, digging and filling grave of Geo. Pierce,	\$3 00
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Albert Cooper, taking charge of body and preaching funeral sermon of Geo. Pierce,	5 00
H. W. Clary laying out, procuring casket and attending burial of Geo. Pierce.	3 25
S. A. Richardson, furnishing casket etc.	23 50
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	\$34 75
Frank Manuel, supporting Abiel Mc Curda to Jan 10th,	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ Apr “	10 00
Town of Randolph. Ellen Shea and family.	10 22
Drs. Smith and Sukeforth, medical attendance on A. McCurda,	4 00
Abbie Mayhew support of Wm. Howard to April 10th. 1895.	14 30
Larkin Hopkins, support of Frank Jones to April 10th, 1895,	25 00
Benj. Heath, support of Albert Brann to April 10th, 1895,	20 00
A. Nickerson, support of Eliza Weeks to April 10th. 1895,	20 10
D. L. McCurda, support of Catland & Dodge to April 10th 1895,	15 00
J. C. Newell repairing boots for A. McCurda,	40
Drs. Smith and Sukeforth, medical attendance on Eliza Weeks,	6 25
S. A. Richardson, clothing J. Catland,	3 00
Benj. Heath, supporting Albert Brann,	60 00
S. L. McCurda, supporting Catland and Dodge,	45 00
F. Manuel, supporting A. McCurda,	37 50
Abbie Mayhew, supporting Wm. Howard.	48 10
A. Nickerson, supporting Eliza Weeks,	20 00
Insane Hospital, for Hannah Glidden,	135 23
E. S. Weeks, groceries for Mrs. A. Brann,	1 00
E. S. Weeks, clothing for A. McCurda,	2 99
E. S. Weeks, groceries furnished A. Nickerson for Eliza weeks,	6 00
Chas. Linscott, clothing for A. McCurda,	1 95
Smith and Sukeforth med. attendance on A. McCurda.	4 50

S. A. Richardson, clothing for Catland & Dodge,	6 26
S. A. Richardson, casket etc. for Larkin Brookins,	20 50
J. W. Haggett, clothing for A. McCurda,	2 50
A. A. Skinner, making deed of A. Brann farm,	1 50
Register of deeds, recording deed of A. Brann farm,	80
Perley Whitten, boarding Ed Heath,	4 50
Anastatia Kavanagh, boarding Ed Heath,	5 82
Arthur Nickerson, supplies for Eliza Weeks,	25 07
E. K. Clark, supplies furnished Mrs. A. Brann,	11 85
Dr. Nash, med. attendance on Ed Heath,	10 00
G. B. Erskine, groceries furnished Mrs. A. Brann,	25 13
G. B. Erskine, groceries furnished to A. Nickerson for Eliza Weeks,	4 00
J. J. Bond, supplies for Alvin K. Jameson, pauper of Washington,	5 00
J. J. Bond, supplies for D. K. Spear, pauper of Warren,	38 12
J. E. McCurda, medicine for A. McCurda,	1 25
J. C. Newell, attending funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Brookins,	3 00
S. A. Richardson, boots for Mrs. D. K. Spear, pauper of Warren,	1 00
S. A. Richardson, casket for Hannah Brookins,	20 50
F. W. Bowden, supplies for A. Nickerson for Eliza Weeks,	2 50
Dr. A. A. Jackson, medical attendance, D. K. Spear,	34 50
Dr. A. A. Jackson, medical attendance, A. Brann,	37 50

 \$796 59

Appropriation, 1895, \$800 00

Balance unexpended 1894, 236 41

 \$1,036 41

Unexpended balance, \$239.82.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Paid out as follows for 1894.

E. N. Glidden, on road,	\$ 2 50
Abial Trask, on road,	2 50

Frank Manuel, labor and material on Reeves Bridge,	3 00
Andrew Leighton, labor, 1893,	2 10
Benj. Hilton, labor, 1892,	3 75
Abiel Trask, labor, 1894.	1 58
Joshua Parsons, labor, 1893-4.	9 50
J. T. Hemenway, labor. 1893-4,	62
Ira D. Glidden, labor. 1893-4,	87
L. Moody, labor, 1893-4.	2 25
Fred Murphy, labor, 1893-4,	12 00
Bowman Cooper, labor, 1893-4	3 00
A. J. Overlock, labor, 1893-4,	2 00
Wm. M. Achorn, for bridge plank.	1 89
M A. Mayhew, for one pair oxen,	120 00
A. C. Boynton, for bridge plank,	5 67
A. K. Hall, operating Road Machine 10 days.	15 00
W. B. Tibbetts, operating Road Machine 16 days,	24 00
A. N. Linscott, operating Road Machine 3 days,	4 50
M. D. Hopkins, " " " 10 1-2 days,	15 75
A. D. Kennedy, " " " 2 1-2 days.	3 75
R. G. Linscott, " " " 1 day,	1 50
B. W. Avery, " " " 4 days,	6 00
H. W. Clary, bridge plank,	12 77
W. B. Tibbetts, repairing road machine and boarding oxen,	6 05
Judson Avery, one pair of oxen,	120 60
E. A. Avery, use of oxen,	6 00
Benj Heath, labor with oxen one day,	2 50
C. M. Cooper, " " "	2 50
W. A. Jackson, boarding town oxen,	75
A. D. Kennedy, meal for town oxen,	1 25
E. A. Hoffses, painting Haskell Bridge,	3 00
W. E. Plummer, labor and lumber on bridge on Upper Stage Road,	3 00
M. I. Johnson, shoeing oxen and repairing road machine,	7 30
Luther McCurda, labor on new road,	\$15 75
David T. Hopkins, labor on new road,	20 62
W. B. Tibbetts, expense and labor on new road,	16 25
A. N. Linscott, " " "	11 00

Wm. Fish, expense and labor on new road	1 25	
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Wm. Fish, land damage,		35 00
A. D. Kennedy, repairing road machine,		13 95
J. S. Hoffses, labor repairing Haskell Bridge,		3 75
Leander Peaslee, labor, material, and expense on Sinclair Hill,		7 74
Newell Hussey, labor on Sinclair Hill,		3 75
A. N. Linscott, labor and material on Sinclair Hill,		7 05
John Cunningham, labor in Dist. No. 52,		2 00
Wm. H. Noyes, labor on highway,		1 00
A. P. Hodgkins, labor on Deer Meadow Brook Bridge,		2 20
Chas. Linscott. " " " "		3 95
A. N. Linscott, labor and material on Deer Meadow Brook Bridge,		6 38
W. A. Johnson, labor on Perham Hill,	\$ 5 00	
Allen Tibbetts, " " "	12 00	
L. Cooper, " " "	9 00	
W. B. Tibbetts, labor and scraper on Perham Hill,	10 50	
B. W. Avery, labor on Perham Hill,	8 00	
E. D. Andrews, " "	4 50	
F. W. Bowden. " "	3 00	
	<hr/>	52 00
S. A. Richardson, meal for town oxen,		1 46
S. A. Richardson, Paint, Nails, etc. for Haskell Bridge,		5 33
F. Manuel, labor and material on Reeves Bridge,		2 75
Amos Fish, moving Road Machine,		1 00
Roswell Linscott, lumber for Deer Meadow Bridge,		2 00
G. B. Erskine, meal for town oxen,		4 22
H. W. Clary, labor and bridge plank,		15 50
E. W. Glidden, labor on highway, district 39,		1 50
E. Y. Meserve, bridge plank,		15 49
Judson Avery, labor on Perham Hill,		7 00
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Appropriation.		500 00
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Excess.		\$169 34
		\$669 34

Atkins Road.

Appropriation,		\$72 00
Expended, Peter Dunton, surveying,	\$2 00	
Expended, H. W. Clary, laying out,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$3 50
Unexpended balance,		\$68 50

Guide Boards.

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Paid Grotton Bridge Co.	54 00
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Unexpended,	\$21 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Paid Wm. C. Hall Post,	25 00

TOWN DEBTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Paid Order No. 8. Feb. 22, 1886, J. L. Poland,	
Prin. \$100. Int. \$3.97	\$103 97
Paid Order No. 8, Jan. 11, 1887, J. L. Poland,	
Prin. \$200. Int. \$8 85,	208 85
Paid on Order No. 5, Feb. 28, 1890, J. R.	
Sprague, Prin. \$100.	100 00
Paid Interest on money borrowed for town '95,	11 38
Paid Interest on Outstanding Orders,	85 56
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	509 76
Unexpended balance,	\$490 24

COMMON SCHOOLS.

H. W. Clary, wood, No. 13 & 8,	\$10 50
Velma Linscott, teaching, No. 3,	40 00

E. S. Weeks, wood, No. 10,	9 37
W. S. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 10,	31 50
Angie Kennedy, teaching, No. 7,	44 00
L. A. Hilton, board, No. 7,	30 00
Grace M. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 7,	60 00
Alden Trask, wood, No. 5,	4 00
Grace M. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 10,	21 00
Abbie Avery, teaching, No. 13,	38 00
Mabel G. Jackson, teaching, No. 2,	32 00
Meda Hemenway, teaching, No. 4,	90 00
A. A. Hall, wood, No. 4,	1 50
Addie M. Bowden, teaching, No. 8,	40 00
Meda Hemenway, teaching, No. 5,	44 00
Margarett A. Hall, teaching, No. 6,	20 80
H. A. McCurda, board, No. 17,	12 00
J. A. Johnson, board, No. 3,	13 20
C. A. Richardson, teaching, No. 1,	82 50
Lillian Fish, teaching, No. 1,	42 00
D. W. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 4,	54 00
E. J. Kenney, teaching, No. 17,	20 00
C. R. Nash, teaching, No. 1,	44 00
Carrie B. Hall, teaching, No. 9,	44 00
Lela Glidden, teaching, No. 10,	64 00
Velma Linscott, teaching, No. 3,	56 00
Ruth M. Glidden, teaching, No. 10,	40 00
H. G. Ellis, school supplies,	12 30
Allan F. Cunningham, building fires, No. 1,	1 80
John Russell, wood, No. 15,	9 84
B. F. Hilton, board, No. 6,	11 20
H. A. Clark, wood, No. 5,	7 00
S. H. Kennedy, wood, No. 14,	7 00
D. W. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 4,	20 25
Carrie B. Hall, teaching, No. 9,	44 00
L. A. Hilton, wood, No. 7,	6 50
Algenon Hall, wood, No. 4,	9 25
Grace M. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 8,	34 00
W. G. Turner, teaching, No. 15,	50 00
Meda Hemenway, teaching, No. 5,	48 00
W. F. Hemenway, teaching, No. 4,	47 50

Gertrude Hodgkins, teaching, No. 14,	48 00
Blanche Fish, teaching, No. 16,	40 00
Mable G. Jackson, teaching, No. 17,	26 00
Mamie Ames, teaching, No. 6,	32 00
Abbie Avery, teaching, No. 1,	50 00
Gertrude Hodgkins, teaching, No. 14,	44 00
Velma Linscott, teaching, No. 3,	58 00
W. B. Tibbetts, board, No. 10,	24 00
Albert L. Lane, teaching, No. 10,	64 00
L. J. Cooper, wood, No. 16,	6 00
H. A. Clark, teaching, No. 4,	64 00
Ruth M. Glidden, teaching, No. 17,	56 00
Mamie E. Ames, teaching, No. 6,	32 00
Blanche L. Fish, teaching, No. 13,	41 00
Grace M. Hodgkins, teaching, No. 10,	34 00
Abbie E. Avery, teaching, No. 1,	56 00
Arthur D. Madden, building fires, No. 10,	2 00
W. F. Hemenway, teaching, No. 5,	64 00
W. G. Turner, teaching, No. 15,	40 00
S. Hodgkins, wood, No. 14,	2 50
G. W. Benner, board, No. 8,	14 00
Sewell Rogers, fitting wood, No. 8,	1 50
G. W. Benner, board, No. 8,	14 00
A. J. Hall, wood, No. 9,	4 50
A. P. Hodgkins, wood, No. 1,	8 75
Edward Babb, school crayon etc.	6 95
Katy Bond, teaching, No. 14,	44 00
Ralph L. Jackson, building fires, No. 14,	1 50
Lillian Fish, teaching, No. 17,	36 00
H. G. Ellis, teaching, No. 7,	59 50

 \$2,271 21

Appropriation,	\$1,112 80
Mill Tax,	680 88
Railroad and Telegraph,	1 09
Balance unexpended, 1894,	379 29

 2,174 06

 Excess. \$ 97 15

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,	\$250 00	
Due from State,	145 50	
	<hr/>	\$395 50
Katie T. Bond, asst. teacher,	\$22 00	
H. G. Ellis, teaching,	90 00	
Katie T. Bond, asst. teacher,	9 00	
W. G. Turner, teaching,	80 00	
W. G. Turner, teaching,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$291 00
Unexpended balance,		\$104 50
" " 1894,		32 22
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		\$136 72

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,		\$150 00
Leach, Sherwell and Sanborn,	\$6 78	
Wm. Ware,	7 64	
Maynard, Merrill and Co.	3 80	
Thompson, Brown & Co.	4 48	
American Book Co.	115 00	
H. G. Ellis,	6 48	
	<hr/>	\$144 18
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		\$5 82
Amount of school books sold,		40 95
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Unexpended balance,		\$46 77

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

G. M. Bowden, repairing Murphy school house,	\$1 00
S. O. Tobey, cleaning school house, No. 3,	3 50
A. C. Boynton, shingles, No. 17,	10 50
Damariscotta Mills Water Power Co. shingles, No. 4,	18 30
F. W. Bowden, paint, oil, and labor, No. 13,	14 61

F. W. Bowden, cash for repairs, Nos. 13, 7, & 10,	16 31
E. A. Hoffses, painting blackboards, No. 3,	50
Clara E. Bosworth, cleaning, No. 14,	3 00
J. S. Hoffses, cleaning, No. 15,	5 00
E. Averill, labor and material. 1894, No. 2,	5 00
C. H. Witham, repairs on school house,	4 25
Geo. Atkins, cleaning and repairing, No. 7,	3 97
Mrs. B. F. Hilton, cleaning, No. 6,	1 00
S. C. Cunningham, repairing, No. 7,	1 50
H. A. Clark, cleaning, No. 5,	2 00
Sam'l McCurda, repairing, No. 17,	4 00
S. H. Bond, stove, etc. No. 15,	11 30
B. G. Cunningham, shingling, No. 4,	7 80
E. A. Hoffses, painting black-boards,	3 00
E. K. Clark, paint and paper for school houses,	3 56
Damariscotta Mills Water Power Co., shingles,	4 20
L. J. Cooper, cleaning and repairs,	7 31
B. Fowles, painting and repairs, No. 6,	20 58
G. B. Erskine, paint for school house,	7 01
C. W. Brown, blackboards, No. 17,	5 50
E. P. Bond, repairs, No. 9,	2 90
A. J. Hall, lumber and labor, No. 9,	1 00
W. W. Vinal, lumber and labor, No. 1,	9 00
A. J. Hall, lumber and labor, No. 9,	3 25
A. P. Hodgkins, cleaning and repairs, No. 1,	5 75
Vermont School Co., seats, No. 3,	39 95
S. H. Bond, stoves, etc.	19 10
W. W. Vinal, repairs No. 3,,	4 00
Forest Flagg, repairs,	2 00
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	\$251 65
Appropriation,	200 00
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Excess,	\$51 65

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders, Feb. 20, 1896.

	PRIN.	INT.
No. 6, Feb. 9, 1886. John Meservey,	\$130 00	\$ 5 20

No. 7, Feb. 10th, 1886, L. A. Hyer,	200 00	8 00
9, Jan. 22, 1887, G. E. Linscott,	450 00	162 00
11, Feb. 14, 1887, Mira L. Erskine,	200 00	8 00
12, Feb. 16, 1887, Sarah F. Kennedy,	75 00	3 00
5, Feb. 6, 1888, Sarah F. Kennedy,	100 00	4 00
1, Mar. 16, 1889, Hannah E. Ames,	100 00	16 00
5, Feb. 28, 1890, John R. Sprague,	100 00	6 00
1, July, 7, 1890, First Baptist Church,	100 00	2 00
1, Nov. 8, 1892, " " "	290 00	4 00
1, Mar. 13, 1894, W. H. Weeks,	200 00	16 00
2, Mar. 13, 1894, Harvest Home, Soc.	74 00	2 00
3, Mar. 13, 1894, Hyelmer Jackson,	60 00	4 80
4, Mar. 20, 1894, Silmon R. Ames,	110 00	8 80
5, Mar. 22, 1894, John H. Weeks,	\$150 00	6 00
6, Mar. 30, 1894, C. W. Besse,	200 00	8 00
7, Apr. 2, 1894, Herbert A. Clark,	50 00	4 00
8, Apr. 2, 1894, E. L. Erskine,	250 00	10 00
9, Apr. 11, 1894, C. W. Kennedy,	100 00	8 00
10, Apr. 16, 1894, Geo. E. Trask,	500 00	40 00
11, June 1, 1894, Louisa Cunningham,	112 00	7 88
12, June 18, 1894, Augusta A. Linscott,	230 00	16 20
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	\$3,781 00	\$349 88
Adding Interest,	349 88	
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		\$4,130 88

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1896,	\$711 34
Due from F. W. Bowden, collector, 1894,	267 30
Unpaid non-resident tax, 1894, returned by collector,	76 25
Due from M. I. Johnson, collector, 1895,	1,936 06
Due from town of Warren on account of D. K. Spear,	73 62
Due from Washington on account of Alvin K. Jameson,	5 00
Due from State for Free High School.	145 50
Due on Abial McCurda farm \$150, less \$20,	130 00
Due on Dana Hallowell farm,	88 74
Due on non- resident tax, 1895,	253 99
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Total,	\$3,687 80

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Beginning Feb. 21, 1895, and ending Feb. 20, 1896. Cash receipts as per Treasures's Report,—

Balance in Treasury Feb. 21, 1895,	\$686 87
Cash of State Treasurer for school fund and mill tax,	680 88
Cash of State for State pensions,	204 00
Cash of State for Railroad and Telegraph tax,	1 09
Cash of State, proportion of dog license refunded,	78 97
Cash of State, to pay for burial of soldiers,	34 25
Cash of State, amount of damage done to sheep by dogs,	13 00
Cash of Town Clerk for dog tax,	84 00
Cash of George Bowden, for damage done to sheep by dogs,	3 00
Cash of S. T. Jackson, amount paid by town of Warren on account of D. K. Spear, pauper,	32 16
Cash of A. N. Linscott for town oxen sold,	120 00
Cash of Wilbur Tibbetts for town oxen sold,	110 00
Cash of Everett D. Jackson, in part payment for Abial McCurda farm,	20 00
Cash of Mrs. Ira Brann, for Benj. Turner, pauper, 1895,	4 00
Cash of Geo. Pierce estate, soldier,	5 00
Cash of T. T. Weeks, donation to repair Perham Hill.	2 00
Cash of John Sweeney, his highway tax,	2 40
Cash of H. G. Ellis, for text books sold for 1895,	40 95
Cash of Charles Linscott, six months pedler's license,	3 00
Cash collected on non-resident tax, 1895,	93 57
Cash hired for town for the year 1895,	700 00
Cash of Frank W. Bowden, collected for the year 1894,	886 00
Cash of M. I. Johnson, collected for the year 1895,	5,492 00
Total cash receipts,	\$9,297 14

The payments have been made as follows,—

State tax,	\$1,212 78
County tax,	604 49
Roads and Bridges,	669 34
Support of poor,	796 59
Town charges,	256 92
Support of schools,	2,271 21

Free High Schools,	291 00	
Text books,	144 18	
Repairing school houses,	251 65	
Town Officers bills.	588 36	
Discount on taxes,	289 13	
Town debts,	509 76	
Atkins Road,	3 50	
Guide boards,	54 00	
Memorial Day,	25 00	
Money borrowed 1895,	700 00	
Old town orders unpaid,	67 65	
State treasurer. dog license.	84 00	
State pension,	204 00	
S. L. Miller, advertising non-resident tax,	5 00	
Making non-resident deed,	67	
Selectmen's orders outstanding,	267 91	
	————	\$9,297 14

The Auditor finds proper vouchers for all orders, and the Selectmen's and the Treasurer's accounts honestly kept and practically correct.

Your Auditor recommends that the town accounts be kept under separate heads corresponding with appropriation, and posted in ledger form, and that the Selectmen draw no order unless there be an adequate appropriation for the department on which the order is drawn.

He would also recommend that the Treasurer give notice to the Selectmen before borrowing money, of the amount to be borrowed and and the department to which it is to be applied, and that a record be kept by the Selectmen of such notice,

He would further recommend that all bridge plank be furnished to the different sections of the town by contract and to the lowest bidder, wood to be furnished the different school houses in the same manner.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. ERSKINE,

AUDITOR.

Treasurer's Report.

For the year ending Feb. 20, 1896.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 21, 1895.	\$686 87
Cash of State Treasurer for school fund and mill tax,	680 88
Cash of State for State pensions,	204 00
Cash of State for Railroad and Telegraph tax,	1 09
Cash of State, proportion of dog license refunded,	78 97
Cash of State, to pay for burial of soldiers,	34 25
Cash of State, amount of damage done to sheep by dogs,	13 00
Cash of Town Clerk for dog tax,	84 00
Cash of George Bowden, for damage done to sheep by dogs,	3 00
Cash of S. T. Jackson, amount paid by town of Warren on account of D. K. Spear, pauper,	32 16
Cash of A. N. Linscott for town oxen sold,	120 00
Cash of Wilbur Tibbetts for town oxen sold,	110 00
Cash of Everett D. Jackson, in part payment for Abial McCurda farm,	20 00
Cash of Mrs. Ira Brown, for Benj. Turner, pauper, 1895,	4 00
Cash of Geo. Pierce estate, soldier,	5 00
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Total cash receipts,	\$9,297 14
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Paid Sundry town orders,	\$6,474 86
State tax for 1895,	1,212 78
State Treasurer, dog licenses for 1895,	84 00
State Pensions,	204 00
County treasurer for county tax for 1895,	604 49
S. L. Miller, advertising non-resident tax,	5 00
for making one non-resident deed,	67
Cash in treasury Feb. 20, 1896,	711 34
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	\$9,297 14

GEO. B. ERSKINE,

TREASURER.

Collectors' Report.

Frank W. Bowden, Collector, in account with G. B. Erskine
Treasurer.

Amount due on tax for 1894,	\$1,214 55
Amount of interest due on same Feb. 20th 1896,	15 00
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	\$1,229 55

Amount due on tax of 1894 and carried to new account,	\$267 30
Amount paid on tax 1894,	886 00
Unpaid non-resident tax returned to Treasurer,	76 25
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	\$1,229 55

M. I. Johnson collector in account with Geo. B. Erskine,
Treasurer.

Amount committed by the Assessors for collection for the year 1895,	\$7,428 06
Amount paid on tax 1895,	\$5,492 00
Amount due on tax for 1895 and carried to new account,	1,936 06
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	\$7,428 06

Report of School Committee.

We respectfully submit our report for the year ending February 29, 1896, including the Superintendent of Schools.

At the first meeting of the year, Mar. 15, 1895, G. B. Erskine was elected chairman of the committee and Howard G. Ellis Superintendent of schools.

By vote of the committee the Superintendent was authorized to hire all teachers, examine and grant certificates to the same, and to approve all bills of the school department.

Four subsequent meetings have been held at the call of the Superintendent, at which the dates for the opening of the several terms of school have been determined, the Free High Schools located, and matters of repairs, text books, etc. were discussed and acted upon.

In regard to the time of opening of the schools in the respective districts some discretionary powers were allowed the Superintendent.

An ample account of repairs made, and of the general condition of our school houses is given in the Superintendent's report.

A detailed report on our text books will also be found there.

Your committee would say that they were unanimous in the belief that the several changes made in the text books were absolutely demanded by the condition of most of the books discarded, and by the character of others, and that it would be in the interest of economy as well as for the good of our schools that such changes be made at once.

The attention of the town is called to the fact that the school house in the Bond district is unsuitable for use and not worth repairing and that some measures should be taken at once to provide suitable accommodations for a school of sixteen or more scholars, the most of them small.

Recommendations.

We, the Superintendent School Committee, beg to make the following recommendations at be acted upon at the annual March meeting,—

1st. That the town provide suitable accomodations for the Bond School, either by uniting the Corner and Bond Districts and moving the Corner School House to a point, central for both districts, or by building a school house in the Bond District.

2nd, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated for text books.

3rd. That the sum of \$150 be appropriated for Free High Schools.

4th. That the sum of \$150 be appropriated for repairs on school houses.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. B. ERSKINE,	}	SCHOOL
H. G. ELLIS.		
F. W. BOWDEN.	}	COMMITTEE.
A. P. HODGKINS,		
W. G. TURNER,		

Superintendent's Report.

School Houses and Repairs.

No very extensive repairs have been made on our school houses the past year, and perhaps none are needed that it would be wise to make at once. It has been the policy of the Committee to make such repairs as are most needed to preserve in good condition such school buildings as are likely to be used for school purposes for many years to come. The Murphy, Ross, and Isaac Hilton, have been painted and some other needed repairs done on the latter house. The Ridge and the McCurda have been shingled.

A part of the desks and chairs in the Center School House, which were useless there on account of being under size, have been replaced with double independent combination seats and desks. The school room at the Village has been papered. New shingles have been put on one end of the Brown School House, and much needed black-boards placed in the school room. It was not the intention to exceed the appropriation in this work, but the sum total of the numerous other bills for petty repairs was much larger than the estimate.

It will be seen by the Auditor's account that the expense of cleaning, and the bills for two new stoves, one at the Village and one at the Boynton, were also paid from this appropriation.

The Ross, Ridge, Isaac Hilton, Murphy, Center, Shepherd and Corner School Houses need be only a small expense to the town for many years and yet kept in good repair, comfortable and attractive. The Brown School House, although a poor affair can be kept suitable for school purposes for a number of years with but little if any outlay.

The Trask, Hilton, and McCurda School Houses are none of them suitable to move for a union house, and they should receive no more outlay than is absolutely necessary until the matter of uniting the districts is acted upon or fully considered.

The Boynton House requires general repairs on the outside, shingles, paint, and some new clapboards on one or more sides.

Economy may require the painting of the school house at the Village, the coming spring, and while the inside of this house demands no immediate outlay, the seats are antiquated and uncomfortable, and the desks rough and uneven, wholly unsuitable for work in penmanship. As the home of the largest school in town, it should before many years be thoroughly repaired and fitted up with improved seats.

One school house, the Bond is utterly unsuitable for school purposes, and is past repairing.

From a careful inspection of the school houses in town, I believe the sum of \$150 will be ample for repairs the coming year.

The yards and premises about some of our best school houses are in a wretched condition. Perhaps the town should not be called upon, at present, to appropriate money for their improvement, but why can't the citizens organize and all give a day's work in grading and fixing up around the school house?

Text Books.

The expenditures for text books during the year have been mainly for those of the common branches. Reading Books, Geographys, Arithmetics and Spellers, of which an entire new stock has been obtained by purchase and exchange.

With the exception of perhaps Arithmetics the changes may be considered as absolutely necessary on account of the condition of the old books.

More book were needed of some kinds than the town had previously owned. It was very evident that there had never been enough to supply all the schools at one time.

The matter of selection was left with a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Ellis and Turner, the books were selected with especial reference to their adaptability to the conditions and needs of our own schools. After a careful examination of a number of the most popular series now in use, they decided to adopt Harper's Readers, Milnes Arithmetic, Swinton's Grammar School Geography, Barges Elementary Geography and Watson's Speller, all published by the American Book Company. The treatment the new books have received in the hands of the scholars has been very satisfactory. The plan of having the book register of the previous term used in giving out books

so that each scholar may as far as practicable retain the use of the same book, has been adopted with good results.

Books Owned by Town.

- Greenleaf's Algebra, 42.
- Milne's Standard Arithmetic, 140.
- Milne's Elementary Arithmetic, 70.
- Swinton's Grammar School Geography, 98.
- Harper's Fifth Reader, 92.
- Harper's Fourth Reader, 63.
- Harper's Third Reader, 45.
- Harpers Second Readers, 45.
- Harper's First Reader, 50.
- Watson's Complete Speller, 100.
- Watson's Graphic Spellers, 50.
- Scudder's U. S. History, 68.
- Harper's Primary History, Supplementary, 3.
- Physiologies. 45.
- Reed & Kellog's Grammar. higher, 79.
- Reed & Kellog's Grammar, graded, 74.
- Grammars, supplimentary, 3
- Civil Government. 34.
- Bryant & Stratton's Book-keeping, 40
- Shaw's Book-keeping, 24.
- Mauray's Physical Geography, 12.
- Winslow's Prin. of Agriculture, 8.
- Watkin's American Literature, 9.
- Supplementary Reading, The Sketch Book, (Irving,) 8.
- Evangeline. (Longfellow,) 15.

STATISTICS.

SPRING TERM.

School.	Teacher.	Term Began.	Whole Att'd.	Average Att'd.	Wages including board.	Price of Board.
Ross,	Celeste Nash,	Apr. 29,	12,	10,	\$5 50	
Weeks,	Mabel Jackson,	Apr. 29,	4,	3,	4 00	
Center,	Velma Linscott,	Apr. 29,	17,	13,	6 65	\$1 65
Ridge,	D. W. Hodgkins,	May 6,	17,	14,	27 00	
Trask,	Meda Hemenway,	May 6,	14,	11,	5 50	
Isaac Hilton,	Margaret Hall,	Apr. 29,	5,	5,	4 00	1 40
Hilton,	Angie Kennedy,	Apr. 29,	17,	14,	5 50	1 75
Boynton,	Addie Bowden,	Apr. 29,	9,	7,	5 00	
Bond,	Carrie Hall,	Apr. 29,	13,	11,	5 50	1 75
Shepherd,	{ Grace Hodgkins,	Apr. 29,	28,	22,	7 00	2 00
	{ W. S. Hodgkins,	May 27,			30 00	
Murphy,	Abbie Avery,	Apr. 29,	10,	8,	5 00	
Corner,	Gertrude Hodgkins,	Apr. 29,	18,	15,	5 50	
*Village,	{ W. G. Turner,	Apr. 29,	40,	36,	40 00	
	{ Katie Bond, Asst.				1 50	
Brown,	Lillian Fish,	Apr. 29,	15,	13,	5 25	1 75
McCurda,	Lizzie J. Kenney,	Apr. 29,	7,	5,	4 00	1 50

FALL TERM.

Ross,	Abbie Avery,	Sept. 9,	13,	11,	6 25	2 00
Weeks,	Hattie Moody,	Sept. 9,	7,	4,	4 00	
Centre,	Velma Linscott,	Sept. 3,	15,	13,	7 00	1 65
Ridge,	{ D. W. Hodgkins,	Sept. 9,	15,	13,	30 00	
	{ W. F. Hemenway,	Oct. 7,	16,	15,	32 00	
Trask,	Meda Hemenway,	Sept. 3,	16,		6 00	
Isaac Hilton,	Mamie Ames,	Sept. 9,	5,	4,	4 00	1 40
*Hilton,	H. G. Ellis,	Sept. 16,	19,	18,	40 00	2 00
Boynton,	Grace Hodgkins,	Sept. 9,	14,	10,	6 00	1 75
Bond,	Carrie Hall,	Sept. 3,	14,	12,	5 50	1 75
Shepherd,	Lela A. Glidden,	Sept. 3,	27,	24,	8 00	2 00
Murphy,	Blanche Fish,	Sept. 3,	14,	10,	5 00	1 50

*Free High School.

Corner, Gertrude Hodgkins,	Sept. 3, 18,	14,	6 00	
*Village, { W. G. Turner,	Sept. 3, 44,	48,	45 00	
{ Katie Bond, Asst.			2 50	
Brown, Ruth Glidden,	Sept. 3, 21,	17,	5 00	1 50
McCurda, Mabel Jackson.	Sept. 9. 8,	6,	4 50	1 25

WINTER TERM.

Ross, Abbie Avery,	Dec. 2, 14,	12,	7 00	2 00
Weeks,				
Center, Velma Linscott,	Nov. 11, 17,	13,	7 25	1 65
Ridge, Herbert A. Clark,	Dec. 2, 15,	14,	32 00	
Trask, W. F. Hemenway,	Nov. 25, 16,	15,	32 00	
Isaac Hilton, Mamie Ames,	Nov. 11, 4,	3,	4 00	1 40
Hilton, H. G. Ellis,	Dec. 16, 18,	17,	34 00	2 00
Boynton, Grace Hodgkins,	Nov. 11,		*6 00	1 75
Bond, Margaret Hall,	Nov. 11, 12,	10,	5 00	
Shepherd, A. T. Lane,	Dec. 2, 28,	26,	44 00	3 00
Murphy, Blanche Fish,	Nov. 11, 8,	7,	5 12	1 50
Corner, Katie Bond,	Nov. 11, 16,	13,	*5 50	
*Village, W. G. Turner.	Dec. 2, 32,	26,	45 00	
Brown, Ruth Glidden,	Nov. 11, 18,	12,	7 00	
McCurda, Lillian Fish,	Dec. 2, 6,	4,	*4 50	1 25

Total number of scholars attending Spring Terms, 226.

Total number of scholars attending Fall Terms, 266.

Total number of scholars attending Winter Terms, 204.

The Schools.

It will be seen from the accompanying tables that three terms of school have been held in each of the fifteen districts, excepting the Weeks in which there was no winter term; making a total of 44 terms not including the Free High School now in session. These terms have practically been of a uniform length of eight weeks each, a total of 352 weeks for the year. About 280 scholars have been registered during the year, the largest number at one time, the fall term, was 266. The average number to a school being a fraction less than 18. for the spring term the average number to a school was less than 15. Between 40 and 50 scholars upwards of 16 years old have attend-

*Extra expense for fires and care of school house.

ed school.

There were but three scholars in town between the ages of 8 and 15 years not registered for the fall term and these were considered excusable cases, in three instances however, a truant officer was called upon to ascertain the cause of absence and to require more regular attendance.

Twenty-four teachers have been employed during the year. All but two of the twenty-four terms have been taught by our town teachers. It has been the policy to retain teachers in the same school for two or more terms when they have proved reasonably satisfactory. Seven teachers were without previous experience, these young teachers have all shown ability and tact for their work and the most of them are intending to take normal training and several have already entered on a course at Castine. In some cases there was a slight lack of judgment and discipline which age and experience may supply.

Three terms of Free High School have taken the place of the regular terms of common school in their respective locations, and the statistics of these schools appear in the tables. At the Village an assistant was provided so that the teacher could devote more time to the older scholars. A very interesting and profitable term of Free High School is now in session at the Center School House. It was the purpose to locate this school where it would best convene the oldest and best scholars from all parts of the town.

Between 30 and 40 scholars are attending, the most of them of a Fifth Reader grade, embracing the best and most advanced scholars in town, representing nine districts. This school is under the instruction of our veteran and highly successful teacher, Mr. G. E. Linscott.

General Remarks.

A comprehensive and itemized account of the finances of the various branches of the school department is given in the Auditors report. I will simply call attention to the fact that \$267.50 of the \$2,271.21 shown to have been expended for common school purposes during the year went to pay bills of 1894. I will also say that the amount of the mill tax and school fund received from the state, being some \$200 less than was expected, accounts for our expenditure in excess of the sum available, it is believed that this falling off can only be accounted for by some error in the apportionment, and the matter

is now being investigated at Augusta.

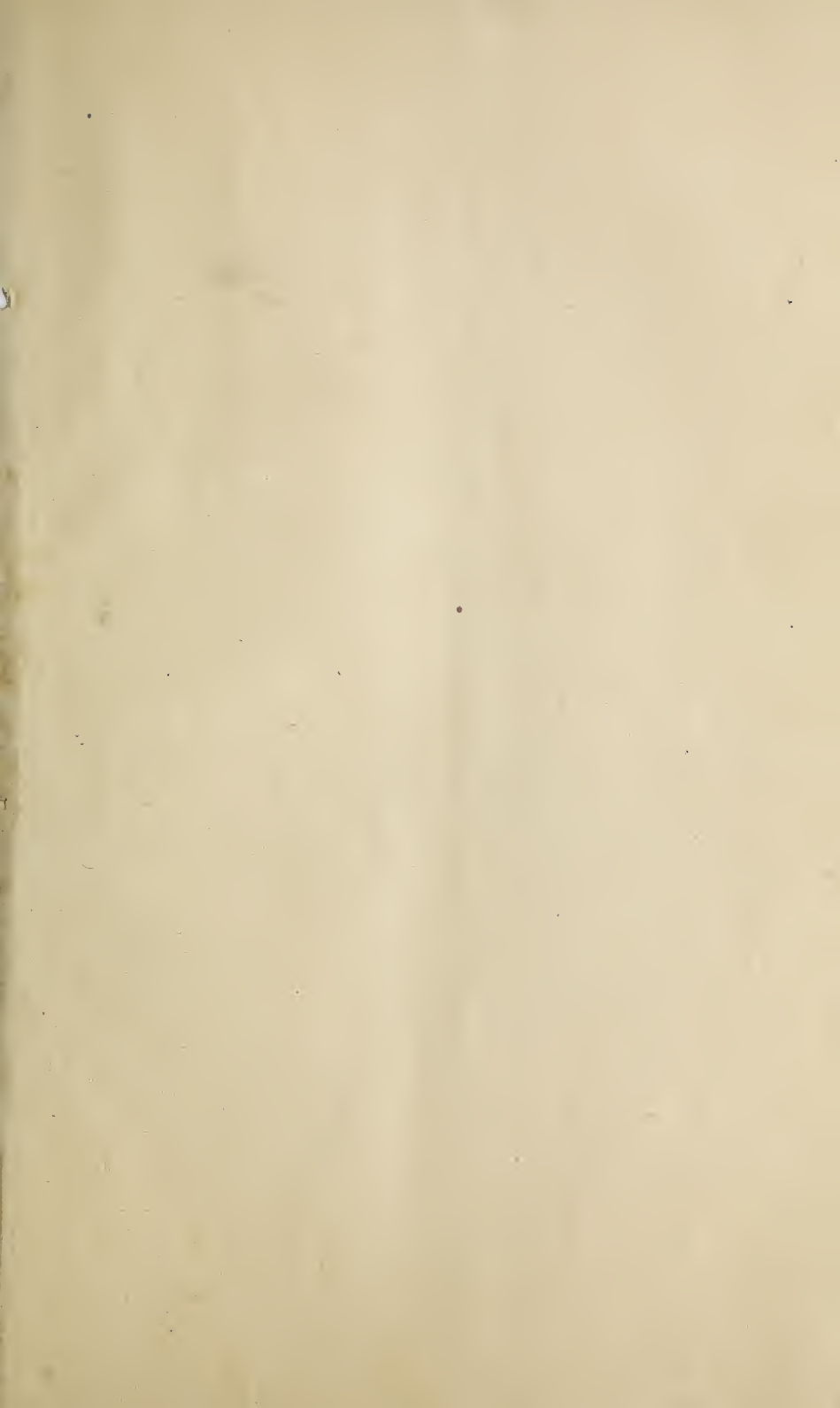
The attention of the town is called to the consideration of the problem "How and where can our small schools be best united"? Under the present burden of taxation we can not well ask for much larger appropriations for schools and yet to keep abreast with the times, we should have more weeks of school, and better equipped school rooms. Many towns with more scholars and more school funds than we have, are maintaining a third less schools, this means larger schools, longer schools, and better schools.

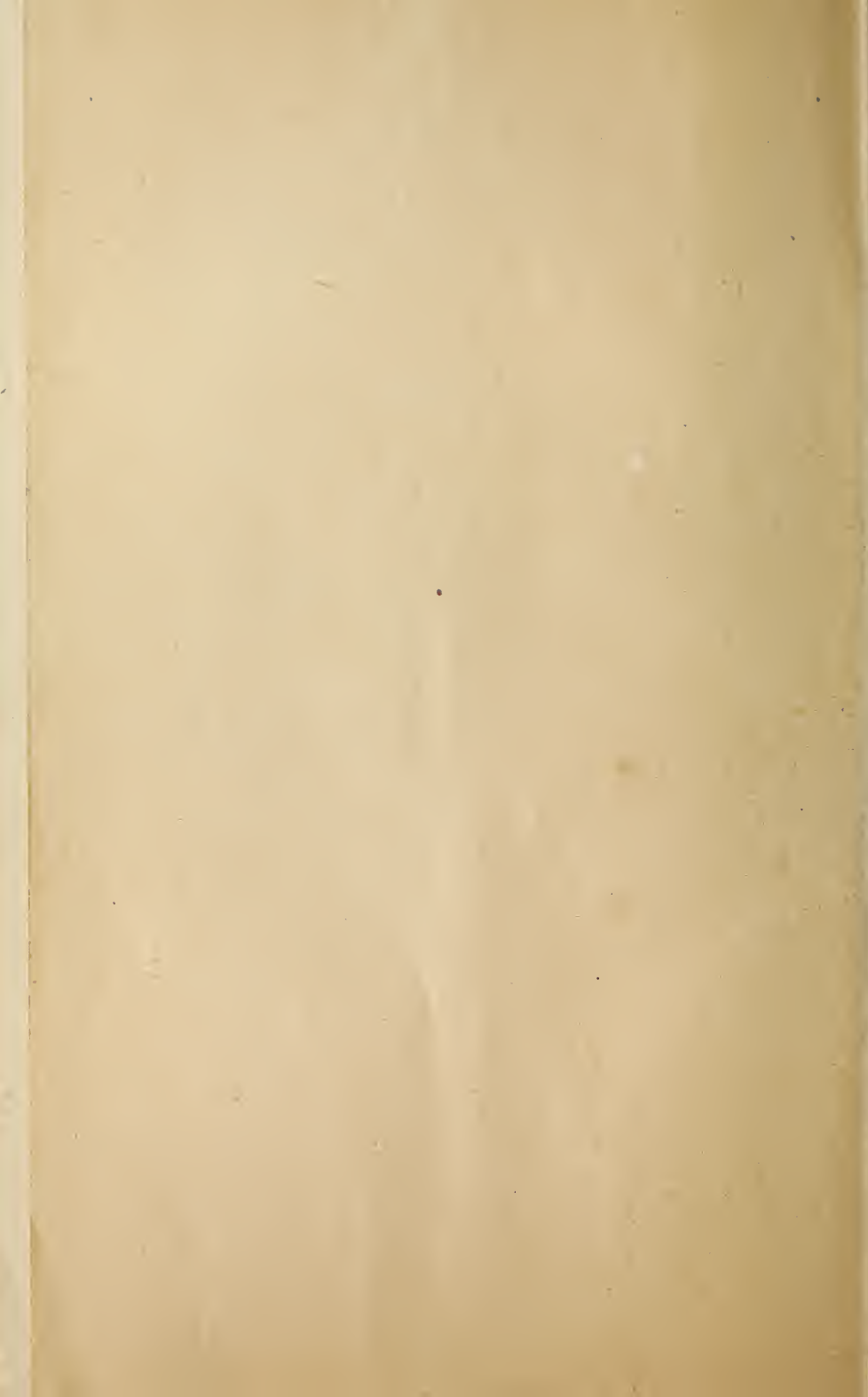
I would refer in closing to the very pleasant relations that have existed between the Superintendent, members of the committee teachers, scholars, and citizens of the town, and express my thanks to all for the numerous courtesies shown.

Respectfully Submitted.

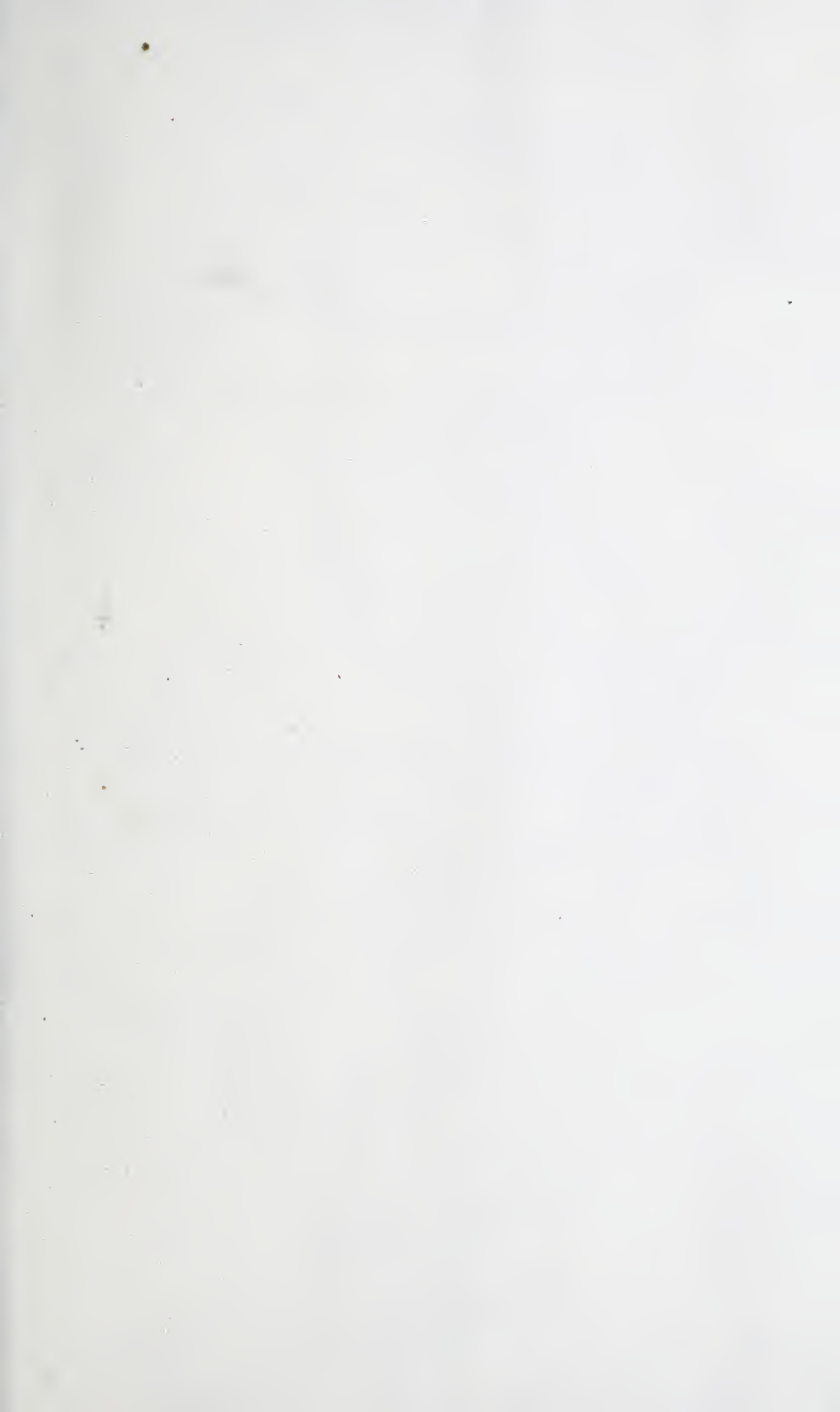
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